

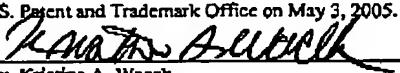
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Petitioner, Acom Cardiovascular, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota and having its primary place of business at 601 Campus Drive, St. Paul, Minnesota 55112, in the county of Ramsey, and the state of Minnesota represents that it is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/809,961, filed on March 26, 2004 and entitled CARDIAC DISEASE TREATMENT AND DEVICE ("present application"), by virtue of our assignment recorded at Reel 009622, Frame(s) 0650.

Petitioner, Acorn Cardiovascular, Inc., hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the above-identified application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term as shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to the grant of any patent granted from pending second U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/639,875, filed on August 12, 2003, and entitled CARDIAC

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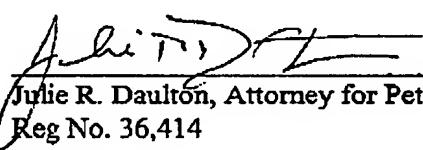
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The undersigned is an attorney or agent of record.

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